



Riverdale Jewish Center Stands with Israel

Parshat Pekudei

March 15 - 16, 2024 | 6 Adar II, 5784
Candle Lighting: 5:50/6:45 PM | Havdalah: 7:45 PM

MAZAL TOV!

Lona and Bernard Adler on the engagement of their grandson, Emanuel Dicker to Sima Shapiro. Mazal Tov to the parents Nicole and Dr. Mordi Dicker and Chaya and Dr. Ely Shapiro. Also a Mazal Tov on the upcoming marriage of their grandson, Ethan Adler to Sophia Altman. Mazal tov to the parents Beth and Dr. Avi Adler and Gabrielle and Daniel Altman.

Gisele Goldman on her daughter Debbie receiving the Huntington Lifetime Achievement Award from the New York City Bar Association for her work to advance the human rights of women and girls.

Annette and Val Karan on the marriage of their grandson, Raanan Tzvi, son of Suzanne Karan and Yosef Kilimnick of Rochester, N.Y. to Gilana, daughter of Beth and Allen Schwartz of Chicago, IL.

Sara and Sam Landa on the Bar-Mitzvah of their son, Aryeh. Mazal tov to sister Hannah, mom Ariella, grandparents **Yocheved and Donald Liss**, Riki and Seth Landa, and Ilene and Akiva Miller. Mazal tov to aunts and uncles **Sandra and Norma, Danielle and Yaakov**, and Tali and Moshe Liss, and to the entire extended family.

Noa Ben-Simon and Scott Wisotsky on the birth of their son.

SPONSORSHIPS

Main Kiddush

The Main Kiddush is sponsored by the **Sara and Sam Landa** to celebrate the Bar-Mitzvah of their son, Aryeh and by the **Nahmias family** congratulating Mishan Nahmias and the entire SAR Bracha Bowl team on winning this year's Inter-School Bracha Bowl.

Seudah Shlishit

Seudah Shlishit is sponsored by the RJC Seudah Shlishit Fund.

Learning Sponsorship

March 17: A day of learning is sponsored by **Bella Hochberg** in memory of the Yahrzeit of Bella's father-in-law, י"ל, שמואל בן מרדכי ניסן.

This Shabbat at the RJC

10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Drasha by Rabbi Tzvi Benoff

Stones of Unity: Effective Empathy in Trying Times

5:45 PM Pre Mincha Shiur by Rabbi Tzvi Benoff

Remembered and Done: The Essence of Purim in Shushan, Alexandria, and Bavel

7:00 PM Seudah Shlishit with Rabbi Dovid Zirkind

Of Clothing, Costumes and Kohanim: Lessons from the Great Shaatnez Exception

NEXT WEEK! Yachad N'Sameach! Celebrate Adar, Shabbat Zachor and Israel

Shabbat March 23: *following the Main Minyan*

The entire RJC community is invited next week to support Israel and enhance the happiness of Adar with a special Parshat Zachor community Kiddush. While our **Annual Lech Lecha Kiddush** was postponed this year, our generous donors are planning an Israel-themed Kiddush to support Israeli vendors and products. Additional sponsors are welcome. All are invited to bring strength, happiness and Jewish pride, now more than ever. Please [click here](#) or visit www.rjconline.org/form/zachorkiddush to contribute!

RJC Updates and Events

Book of Remembrance 5784

Each year, the RJC is honored to produce a Book of Remembrance in tribute to beloved family members and friends, to be used in our shul for Yizkor on each of the Chagim. [Click here to make your submission before the deadline this Sunday, March 17 or visit \[www.rjconline.org/form/yizkorbook5784\]\(http://www.rjconline.org/form/yizkorbook5784\).](#)

Seniors Spring Lunch and Learn

March 28 and April 11! Please [click here](#) to RSVP or visit www.rjconline.org/event/springlunch

PURIM 5784

Mishloach Manot

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Mishloach Manot program. If you are available to pick up your Mishloach Manot or help deliver Mishloach Manot please [click here](#) (www.rjconline.org/forms/mm24). Thank you to the numerous RJC members who participated in our project to send Mishloach Manot to displaced families in Israel. With your support we are sending Mishloach Manot to over 275 displaced families.

Providing for our Homebound

As we prepare for Purim in shul, we are thinking of those members who will not be able to attend readings in-person. If you are able to read the megillah for our homebound members or if you are aware of a member that would appreciate a Purim visit, please contact Rabbi Tzvi Benoff at tbenoff@rjconline.org. Tizku L'mitzvot!

Matanot L'evyonim

It is customary to provide monetary support for people in need on Purim through Matanot L'evyonim. The RJC will again support the Fund for the Needy (FFN) of Riverdale and its distribution campaign on Purim day to hundreds of people in our neighborhoods who need our support. You can donate [here](#) or by visiting www.rjconline.org/form/purim2024.

See page 2 and 3 for the complete RJC Purim schedule and a list of youth events.

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat...5:35/6:50 PM

Vatikin.....7:05 AM

Shacharit Minyanim:

Main Sanctuary.....7:00 AM

Hashkama Room.....8:00 AM

Main Sanctuary.....9:00 AM

Teen Minyan.....9:00 AM

YPM/Beit Midrash.....9:30 AM

Latest Shema.....10:04 AM

Mincha.....5:05/6:35 PM

Maariv.....7:40 PM

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

Sun Shacharit.....6:45/8:30/9:15 AM

Mon-Wed Shacharit.....6:15/7:45 AM

Thur Shacharit.....6:00/7:35 AM

Sun-Wed Plag Mincha/Ma'ariv...5:40 PM

Sun-Wed Mincha/Ma'ariv.....6:55 PM

Thur Mincha.....1:45/6:35 PM

Plag Mincha/Ma'ariv.....5:25PM

Sun-Thur Ma'ariv.....9:30 PM

TAANIT ESTHER, THURSDAY MARCH 21

Fast Begins.....5:43 AM

Fast Ends.....7:52 PM

NEXT SHABBAT, PARSHAT VAYIKRA

Candle Lighting.....6:52 PM

Havdalah.....7:53 PM

[Click Here to View All Zmanim for Riverdale](#)

WEEKLY SHIURIM & CLASSES

Sunday Morning Chaburah
with Rabbi Nosson Lowenthal
Weekly at 7:30 AM.

Stranger than Fiction Halacha Chaburah
for Teens with Rabbi Benoff
Sundays, following 9:15 AM Shacharit.

Chayeh Adam Halacha Chaburah
with Rabbi Dovid Zirkind
Meets weekly on Monday mornings at 7AM
between the two Shacharit Minyanim.

Iyun Afternoon Kollel
with Rabbi Tzvi Benoff
Monday afternoons at 2:30 PM in the
Beit Midrash, studying the topic of tzedakah.

Semichat Chaver - Beit Midrash
Wednesdays at 8:15 PM in the Beit Midrash.
This semester's subject:
Bikur Cholim and Hichot Aveilut.

Mishmar with Rabbi Dovid Zirkind
Thursdays, 8:30 PM in the Beit Midrash.

Shabbat Morning Parsha Shiur
with Rabbi Dr. Moshe Drellich
Following the 7 AM Minyan, join for an
inspiring discussion on the weekly parsha.

Rabbi Sheer's "Hashkama" Shiur
Shabbat morning, 10:30 AM, following
the Hashkama Kiddush.

Daf Yomi - Beit Midrash
Weekdays - after the first Shacharit
Shabbat - One hour before the last Mincha
For Zoom email: davidsdafyomi@gmail.com.

BOARD MEETING NOTICE

The next regular meeting of the RJC
Board of Trustees will take place
Tuesday, March 26, @ 8:00 PM.
More details to follow.



RIVERDALE JEWISH CENTER

PURIM SCHEDULE

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Thursday, March 21

Taanit Esther

Fast Begins - 5:43 AM
Shacharit - 6:00/7:35 AM
Early Mincha - 1:45 PM
Mincha/Maariv - 5:20/6:40 PM
Fast Ends - 7:51 PM
Late Maariv - 9:30 PM

Motzei Shabbat, March 23

Purim Night

Maariv followed by "quiet" Megillah (Beit Midrash) - 7:48 PM
Havdalah - 7:53 PM
Ma'ariv/Megillah with RJC Youth (Main Sanctuary) - 8:15 PM
YPM Ma'ariv/Megillah Reading (Social Hall) - 8:15 PM
YPM Purim Bash! (Social Hall) - 9:00 PM
RJC Youth Carnival Extravaganza (Gym) - 9:00 PM
Late Ma'ariv/Megillah (Main Sanctuary) - 10:30 PM

Sunday, March 24

Purim Day

Shacharit - 6:30/7:30/8:30/9:00 AM
Megillah Reading (Approx.) - 6:55/7:55/8:55/9:25 AM
Megillah Reading Only (Main Sanctuary)- 10:15 AM
RJC Youth Bubble Show and Celebration - 10:15 AM
Early Mincha (Beit Midrash) - 2:00 PM
Mincha/Ma'ariv (Beit Midrash) - 5:45/7:05 PM
Begin Seudah Before - 7:12 PM
Late Ma'ariv - 9:30 PM



PURIM

With RJC Youth

PURIM NIGHT MEGILLAH READING - 8:15PM

Come to the main sanctuary after Shabbat for a family friendly Megillah. Coloring/activity sheets will be available for children that can sit quietly.

MOTZEI SHABBAT CARNIVAL EXTRAVAGANZA 9-11PM

Join us downstairs after Megillah for inflatables, carnival games, spin art, cotton candy and more!

PURIM DAY BUBBLE SHOW & PURIM FUN - 10:15AM

Enjoy the Sunday chag with a drop-off bubble show timed during morning Megillah followed by bouncy houses and Purim celebrations!

PRICING PER CHILD/EVENT

MEMBERS: \$20/ADVANCE OR \$25/DOOR OR \$60/FAMILY MAX

NON-MEMBERS: \$25/ADVANCE OR \$30/DOOR OR \$70/FAMILY MAX

REGISTER AT WWW.RJCONLINE.ORG/EVENT/KIDSCARNIVAL



Pekudei

Thank you to everyone that joined us last week for our final middle school oneg and musical Havdalah with Simcha Leiner! It was a fantastic end to our winter season and we can't wait to see everyone back at Kinder Minyan, SNL, and *Glow In The Dark Havdalah* next year! A huge thank you to R' Benoff for all his help with this year's Kinder Minyan and SNL!

This Shabbat

Groups meet at 9:45 AM on the second floor for pre-K through 6th grade.

Tot Shabbat meets at 10:30 AM in the Hashkama Room.

This Week

Stranger Than Fiction: Halacha Chaburah for Teens with Rabbi Benoff: Meeting this Sunday, March 17, following 9:15 AM Shacharit.

Purim Season Is Here

We're getting the festivities started this Sunday with a Purim themed toddler music class with ShirFun. Sign up here: <https://www.rjconline.org/event/purimtunes>
The RJC Youth Department is also ready to celebrate with all ages both Purim night and during the day!

Join us on Motzei Shabbat, March 23, for family megillah reading in the Main Sanctuary (for kids who can sit quietly- we will provide some helpful materials to keep them busy). Following Megillah, come downstairs for our **Carnival Extravaganza** complete with inflatables, carnival games, spin art, cotton candy, and more!

On Purim morning, take advantage of the Sunday Purim and drop your children off for a Bubble Show in time to catch Megillah reading and join us after for a Purim celebration with our bouncy houses and face painting!

Young Professionals Corner

Shabbat Morning Dvar Torah by Rabbi Zirkind

YPM Special Membership Drive Update

Thank you to an anonymous donor who has generously offered to subsidize **first-time membership**, now totaling \$500, for those with at least one spouse who is a full-time student (including residents and fellows). This subsidy is available for the first 10 couples to apply. Currently, only 6 spots remain! Eligible can take advantage of this exclusive rate by [clicking here](#) or visiting www.rjconline.org/form/2024ypmdrive.

Upcoming Events

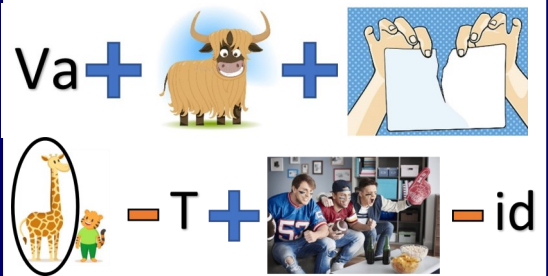
* **Torah and Chevrah in Adar:** Save the dates for Pre-Purim Chaburot!

Women - Monday, March 18, additional details coming soon!

* **YPM Purim Bash!** Open cocktail bar, fresh stone baked pizza, trivia and more!

Pricing: Member/\$33 and Non-Member/\$40. Register [here](#) or at rjconline.org/event/ypmpurim.

Parshah Riddle



Last Week's Answer: בחכמה בתבונה ובדעת

Community News, Events, and Announcements

Weekly Parsha Comic by Sam Weingard: Parshat Pekudei — [view here](#) or pickup a copy from the lobby flyer rack!

NORPAC Mission to Washington

Please join 1,000 pro-Israel advocates in Washington DC on Wednesday, May 15. You will have the opportunity to advocate for a strong US-Israel relationship with members of Congress and key members of their staff. Busing will be available from Riverdale and other locations in New York and New Jersey. To sign up, please [click here](#) or go to www.norpac.net/mission-to-washington.

A Night Out in Support of Yeshivat Shalsholet

Yeshivat Shalsholet is proud to offer students a carefully designed special education (and dual curriculum) for those with language-based learning differences. We serve a critical need for the one in five impacted children in our community. In our heavily text-based culture, Shalsholet sets its students on the path to academic success, social-emotional growth, and spiritual connection. Please join the greater NY/NJ community on March 31 at 7:00 PM to support Yeshivat Shalsholet. Registration and sponsorships are warmly encouraged. Click [here](#) or visit shalsholetnj.org/event for more information.

Run for Their Lives: Standing in Solidarity with the Israeli Hostages

Riverdale "Run for Their Lives", along with hundreds of groups around the world, walk weekly to stand in solidarity with Israel and call for the immediate release of the hostages held by Hamas. Join us Sundays at 10:00 AM in Seton park (232 Street and Independence Avenue.) [Click here](#) to order red shirts for the cause as we stand together in unity. All are welcome!

Career Advice and Networking

Please contact **Howard Millendorf** (even in Israel!) at hwmillendorf@gmail.com or 631-397-1219.

Riverdale Mikvah: Appointment System

The Riverdale Mikvah requires Mikvah appointments to be made 24 hours in advance in order to properly maintain the safety and health of all who visit. To make an appointment, and to view the screening protocols, please visit our [website here](#). Address is 3708 Henry Hudson Parkway East, Riverdale, NY 10463. Please call with any questions at 718-549-8336.

Gemach of Riverdale — Interest-Free Loans

Gemach of Riverdale provides interest-free loans to members of the Riverdale community. For more information, contact the Gemach confidentially at Gemachofriverdale@gmail.com or by calling 917-408-3035.

רפואה שלמה

Miriam Chana bat Shayna Leeba, Yehuda Lieb Ben Devora, Bina Shoshana bat Ita Flora, Josefa Chana bat Sara Etel, Chaya Sarah bat Tzeral, Efraim Yaakov ben Shmuel, Gavriella bat Sarah, Ilana bat Chaya, Ilan Amitai ben Talia Michal, Shalom Yitzchak ben Peshah, Shifra bat Bayla Peryl, Sora Yisraelit bat Rachel, and Tova Rivka bat Chana Sosa.

If you have names that should be added to this list, please contact efrat@rjconline.org or call the office at 718-548-1850.